



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0909]

Proposed Standardized Curricula for Part 135 Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers, Instructor/Check Pilot Qualification Curriculum

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the proposed standardized curricula for instructor and check pilot qualifications for certain air carriers. This curriculum may be delivered by FAA-certificated training centers. The FAA invites public comment.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on these proposed documents by

[INSERT DATE 20 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by docket number FAA–2021-0909 using any of the following methods: Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery or Courier: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Fax: Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

Privacy: DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL– 14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read

at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The standardized curriculum concept for Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 135 training provided by part 142 training centers is a voluntary approach to training. Additional information about standardized curricula is available in Advisory Circular (AC) 142-1, Standardized Curricula Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers.

Background

The FAA tasked the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) in March 2020, which was further designated to the Training Standardization Working Group (TSWG), with providing advice and recommendations to the ARAC on the most effective ways to achieve standardization (where appropriate) and significant administrative efficiency in check pilot qualification, flight instructor qualification, and part 135 air carrier training curricula delivered by part 142 training centers, known as the Standardized Curriculum Concept. TSWG membership includes representatives from training centers, aircraft manufacturers, operators, and aviation industry organizations.

Standardized curricula will provide a common method for quality training accessible to any certificate holder that obtains approval to use the curriculum in its FAA- approved training program. The Standardized Curriculum Concept aims to provide an efficient means to approve

training curricula offered by part 142 training centers while increasing the consistency of training, testing, and checking delivered to part 135 operators. The use of standardized curricula is strictly voluntary and is one means to comply with the applicable regulatory requirements of parts 135 and 142. The standardized curriculum does not modify existing regulatory requirements for pilot training or qualification.

One of the tasks to the ARAC included the following: Development of Instructor and Check Pilot Qualification Curriculum for standardized curriculum.

In response to that task, the TSWG developed a recommended curriculum, the Instructor/Check Pilot Standardized Curriculum, as a means to meet the requirements in part 135 for qualifying instructors and check pilots approved for use at a part 142 training center. This recommended curriculum tracks with the regulatory requirements for qualification as a 14 CFR part 135 instructor or check pilot, and includes the curriculum and subjects necessary to complete:

- Initial qualification
- Recurrent training every 12 calendar months
- Requalification
- Bridging, which provides a path for those who are currently qualified as instructor/evaluators for parts 135 or 142 the training required to include the Standardized Training Curriculum
- Variables such as transitioning to a new flight simulator / training device, operating system, and subsequent aircraft types

Comments Invited

The FAA invites public comments on the TSWG proposed Standardized Curricula for Part 135 Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers, Instructor/Check Pilot Qualification Curriculum. The FAA will consider the public comments submitted during this comment period in finalizing the Instructor/Check Pilot Qualification Curriculum.

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